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February 20th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from Dr. George Dock, dated Harrisburgh, Penna. accompanying the donation from him acknowledged this evening.

Dr. Le Conte presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Synopsis of the Pyrochroides of the United States:" which was referred to Mr. Guex, Dr. Zantzinger and Mr. Cooke.

Mr. Cassin presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings entitled "Notes on North American Falconidæ, with descriptions of new species." Referred to Dr. Wilson, Col. McCall and Dr. Henderson.

Mr. Isaac Lea exhibited a specimen of the tanned skin of the Walrus. It consists only of the cutis vera, and is one inch and three-sixteenths in thickness. It was manufactured near Hull, and is used for polishing cutlery.

Mr. Cassin remarked with reference to the specimen of *Orex praetensis* presented this evening, that it was the first he had ever known to be obtained on the continent of America, and the species is another to be added to the list of accidental visitors from Northern Europe. Of this description of stragglers, the European Widgeon and the European green-winged Teal most frequently occur, but no specimen of a land bird had ever come under his observation, the present specimen being the nearest approach to it. This specimen he had been assured by Mr. Patterson, who presents it this evening, was shot in the vicinity of Salem, N. J., and was prepared by him from the recently killed bird.

February 27th.

COL. MCCALL in the Chair.

The Committees to which were referred papers by Mr. Conrad, read February 13th, by Dr. LeConte, read February 20th, and by Mr. Cassin, read same date, reported in favor of publication in the Proceedings.

Descriptions of eighteen New Cretaceous and Tertiary Fossils, &c.

By T. A. CONRAD.

Cretaceous Species.

BACULITES.

Baculites annulatus.—Subcylindrical, ribbed; ribs annular, some of them robust, flattened, remote, and generally partially sulcated or bifurcated, the intermediate ribs narrower and less prominent; septa bifurcating in two long equal branches, with intermediate comparatively short segments, the foliations very acutely angulated.

Locality.—Dallas County.

HAMITES.

1. *H. larvatus*.—Ovate-oval, obliquely ribbed; back rounded, the opposite side truncated; ribs obsolete on the back, prominent and acute laterally, and increasing in elevation alternately towards the back, where they are truncated